

presenting many ideas in few words, seems to exist with his Lordship in eminent and exceptional degree. It was matter of very sincere regret withal, to witness the poor condition of his health, but there is earnest hope that the relaxation of the summer will restore him to health and strength.

HAMILTON.

**BELLEVILLE.—ST. THOMAS CHURCH.**—On Sunday, 25th inst., Rev. T. Stanton, B.A., of Tyendinaga, celebrated the Holy Communion in the chapel of ease at 8 a.m., and officiated at Matins, in the Town Hall, at 11 a.m. Rev. A. Ernest Willoughby King, of the Diocese of Quebec, took the Rector's duty, both afternoon and evening, the latter spending the day among the Mohawk Indians of Tyendinaga. Mr. King has been taking a brief holiday trip after his laborious work as a travelling missionary along the line of the I. C. R. R. from Riviere du Loup to St. Flavie, and prior to taking charge of a parish on the shores of Lake Memphremagog. A private letter from the Gulf Ports speaks in the highest terms of the rev. gentleman, and states that the people were anxious to have him appointed permanently to the cure of Riviere du Loup, several R. C. families promising to come over to the Church if he would settle among them; but the Bishop of Quebec required his services in a larger and more important parish. His short stay in Belleville was greatly regretted by those who had the pleasure of meeting him, and he certainly carries away many heartfelt wishes for his future success.

#### NIAGARA.

At a wedding in Guelph a few days since, we perceive from the papers of that prosperous town, that Canon Dixon instead of reading the usual address at the end of the marriage service, adopted the alternative suggested by the rubric, and gave a short impressive address on the analogy of the union between Christ and His Church, and the marriage relation. As the tendency of the age is to secularise the divine ordinance, and to reduce it to a mere civil ceremony, there can be no doubt but that the liberty permitted by the rubric may at times be used with great advantage, in enforcing the spiritual character of the ordinance of matrimony in opposition to the social demoralising heresies, so rife in the present day. The old divines of the English Church were accustomed to preach very long wedding sermons, and we hear that in the mother country short pithy addresses are now used by several of the clergy, of a similar character to that used by Canon Dixon.

In reference to the communication of Q. R. T. under this head, in our last issue, we are instructed to state that the custom of the Bishop of Toronto was to spread his Confirmation visits over two years. In 1873 he visited, in what is now the Diocese of Niagara, thirty-six places, confirming 747 persons; in 1874, thirty places, confirming 667; making in all sixty-six places visited within the two years, and 1414 persons confirmed. The number confirmed by the Bishop of Toronto, at Rothsay, Houston, and Drayton, in 1873, was 84,—against 78 in 1876.

#### TORONTO.

**ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, TORONTO.**—The Bishop of Saskatchewan, preached both morning and evening, on Sunday, the 25th. In the morning, his text was Acts xvi. 9, 10, and in the course of his sermon, his Lordship said that his diocese from the Rocky Mountains on the east, to the 49th parallel north, stretched over an area of

800 miles square. In this large mission field, it is estimated there are 30,000 heathens, of whom 10,000 belong to the Crees and Blackfoot tribes of Indians. And in this immense district, inhabited by the Crees and Blackfeet, neither the Church of England in England, nor the Church of England in Canada, has ever had a single Missionary.

**WESTON.**—The accustomed annual Festival of St. John's Chapel, was held on Saturday, St. John's Day, the churchwardens and ladies having made ample provision for the purpose. The attendance was large; and the churchwardens, on behalf of the congregation, presented the Rev. W. A. Johnson, the rector, with a purse containing a hundred and fifty dollars, as a small testimonial of the affectionate esteem in which he is held by his people, and of their appreciation of his ministerial labours among them.

**ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, TORONTO.**—The interior of this little church has lately been thoroughly renovated; and its appearance is so immensely improved, that we shall be doing good service to the church by calling attention to the effect that may be produced by very inexpensive decorations. The walls of the church have been calcimined with French grey, and the ceiling whitened. This was done gratuitously by Mr. Robert Powell; then a scroll, with back ground of light blue, maroon border, and suitable texts of Scripture, in white ecclesiastical type, with gold, green, and red initials, and capitals, was run along the entire length of the north and south walls. This produces a very beautiful effect, relieving in a pleasing way the deadness of wall and ceiling. Then around the top of the east window there is a scroll painted in beautiful colours by Mr. McCausland, with the text "*Glory to God in the highest*," which is divided at the top by a shield bearing the sacred monogram. At each side of the east window there is a scroll, in corresponding colours, on which is painted the text "*As ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come*."

And last but not least the whole wood work of the church has been varnished, so that altogether the little structure, plain as it is, is one of the neatest, and is without exception the cleanest looking church in Toronto. We also noticed a marked improvement in the choir of this church; this, under the management of Mr. Coleman, has attained to a great degree of efficiency, some of the tenor voices are beautiful, and the service, which is choral in the evening, is rendered with effect, and is joined in by the whole congregation. It is very seldom that we hear the hymns so well sung as they are here.

On Sunday evening last, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese held a Confirmation—the seventh we are informed that has been held in this Church during the last six years. There were fifteen persons confirmed, some of them very advanced in life. We noticed a great improvement that the choir sung in harmony the Amen after each benediction, which, in this instance, was given to each candidate separately. At the conclusion of the last benediction the choir and congregation, who had remained on their knees during the administration, rose at once and sang a solemn Te Deum, which seemed to us a most appropriate thanksgiving for grace vouchsafed, and a suitable conclusion of the devotional part of the Confirmation service. The Bishop afterwards delivered an instructive address on the witness of the Spirit with a special application to Confirmation.

**RURI-DECANAL MEETING.**—The regular quarterly Ruri-decanal meeting of the Northumberland Rural deanery will (D.V.) be held in the town of Peterborough, on Wednesday, the 19th July. Divine service with Holy Communion, in the Parish Church at 10:30 a.m. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. R. Hindes, B.A., Incumbent of Campbellford. Essayist, the Rev. H. D. Cooper, B. A. Subject—"Pastoral Visitation." The clergy of the Deanery are respectfully requested to notify the Rev. J. W. R. Beck, M.A., Incumbent of Peterborough, of their intention to be present.

H. D. COOPER, B. A.

Sec. Treas. N. R. D.

Colborne, June 29th, 1876.

#### MEETING OF SYNOD.

(Continued from last week.)

#### COMMITTEES ON MISSIONS IN RURAL DEANERIES, 1876-7.

1. *West York.*—Ven. Archdeacon of York; Revs. S. Givins, A. H. Baldwin, A. J. Broughall; Messrs. Clarke Gamble, George Buckland. 2. *East York.*—Archdeacon of York; Revs. G. S. J. Hill, John Davidson, E. H. Cole; Messrs. J. H. Perry, D. Ledingham. 3. *West York.*—Archdeacon; Rev. R. D. Oaler, Rev. A. J. Fidler. 4. *West Simcoe.*—Archdeacon; Revs. Dr. Lett, W. W. Bates, E. W. Murphy; Messrs. R. Tyrwhitt, George Moberly. 5. *East Simcoe.*—Archdeacon; Revs. R. Stewart, A. Morgan, G. A. Anderson, Messrs. H. D. Stewart, J. C. Morgan. 6. *Durham.*—Archdeacon; Canon Brent; Revs. T. W. Allen, C. W. Paterson; Colonel Williams, Dr. Turner. 7. *Northumberland.*—Archdeacon; Revs. W. Stennett, H. D. Cooper; Messrs. John Blacklock, Colonel Boulton. 8. *Peel.*—Archdeacon; Revs. H. C. Cooper, L. Middleton, W. S. Westney; Messrs. Wm. Magrath, T. A. Agar. 9. *Haliburton.*—Archdeacon; Revs. Dr. Smithett, F. Burt, and William Jupp.

On the consideration of the names to compose the Sunday School Book and Tract Committee, a discussion took place as to whether Mr. J. H. Knight or Mr. J. H. Gillespie should be on the Committee. Rev. Dr. Lett opposed the addition of Mr. Gillespie but on a vote being taken that gentleman was elected, which is accordingly inserted in our list.

The report was then adopted.

#### VOTES OF THANKS.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the proprietors of the *Dominion Churchman* and *The Mail* newspaper for copies of their papers during the meeting of Synod; to the members of the Church in this city for their hospitality: to the ladies for preparing a lunch for the delegates; to the various railway companies for reduced fares; and to Ven. Archdeacon Whitaker for the counsel given by him in his sermon at the opening of Synod.

#### THE DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN.

His Lordship introduced the Bishop of Saskatchewan.

The Bishop thanked the Synod for the hearty manner in which he was received. He stated he had a Diocese of 800 miles square, and if he divided it by a line into two equal parts it would be found that on the eastern side the Church of England had three missions to the Indians, one in the East River District and the others in the Saskatchewan District. On the western side passing from Carlton, there was a square of 600 miles of country containing the heathen Crees, many thousands of whom were in darkness. And he pointed out that although there was a mission at